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SUBJECT: IRAQI RELATIONS WITH POLAND

1. GOVERNMENT DAILY AL-JUMHOURIYYA EDITORIALY
ATTACKED ON MAY 23 THE "SHIFT OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT'S
POLICY TOWARD THE ZIONIST-RACIST ENTITY." EDITORIAL
GIVES FEW SPECIFICS BUT IMPLIES THAT POLAND MAY BE MOVING
IN THE DIRECTION OF RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.
JUMHOURIYYA STATED THAT POLAND IS GIVING IN TO USG
ECONOMIC PRESSURES AND REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO RECENT
VISIT BY PRESIDENT CARTER IN WHICH HE RAISED THE QUESTION
OF THE STATUS OF POLISH JEWS.

2. THIS EDITORIAL COMES AT A TIME WHEN POLISH-IRAQI
RELATIONS ARE AT A MARKED LOW. WE KNOW FOR EXAMPLE
THAT IRAQ HAS PROHIBITED TRAVEL BY ITS TOURISTS TO
POLAND, WHICH IN THE PAST HAD BEEN A MAJOR VACATION
SPOT FOR IRAQIS SEEKING TO ESCAPE THE SUMMER HEAT.
SUGGESTION THAT POLAND IS IMPROVING ITS RELATIONS
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WITH ZIONIST GROUPS AND ISRAEL IS NEW HERE, AND
WE WOULD APPRECIATE VIEWS OF EMBASSY WARSAW ON THIS
SUBJECT.
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